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## High-Speed Rail Authority Appoints Director of Planning and Integration

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced the appointment of Melissa DuMond as Director of Planning and Integration. She will be responsible for advancing the Authority's implementation of the high-speed rail program by coordinating station area development, overseeing the advancement of integrated service with other rail providers and management of general corridor planning activities.

"It is critical to the success of this transformative program that we have strong leaders in place to effectively integrate and implement our operations," said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. "Melissa's appointment underscores our commitment to quality and efficiency as we continue to move forward to build the nation's first high-speed rail system."

In her role, DuMond will work closely and collaboratively with engineering, operations and the Regional Directors to assist in various program functions and provide critical support to the Authority's planning operations. The compensation is \$130,488.

Ms. DuMond has extensive knowledge of the transportation industry and environmental practices. For the last five years, she has served as Southwest Regional Manager for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration, where she supported the development of California's high-speed rail system. Ms. DuMond has a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and a master's degree in natural resources policy and public administration, both from North Carolina State University.

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### ***About California High-Speed Rail Authority***

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra](https://twitter.com/cahsra)